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TO:
Hospitals

Hospital Offsite Therapy Services

Wisconsin Medicaid requires offsite therapy providers to be individually certified

Hospital-employed therapists who provide hospital offsite therapy services, as all other therapists, must be separately certified by Wisconsin Medicaid.

Separately certified therapy providers receive all Medicaid publications. Effective immediately, we will also send you all new publications sent to therapy providers. Attached is the most recent *Update* regarding Medicaid PT and OT coverage requirements.

Wisconsin Medicaid requires offsite therapy providers to follow Medicaid PT, OT, and SP coverage requirements

Wisconsin Medicaid requires providers, including offsite therapy providers, to follow Medicaid PT, OT, and SP coverage requirements. This includes prior authorization requirements. Refer to Medicaid provider handbooks and *Updates* for more information.

Offsite therapy providers must use HCFA 1500

Wisconsin Medicaid requires separately certified therapy providers, including offsite therapy providers, to use the HCFA 1500 claim form when billing.

"Therapy services," "licensed hospital location," and "offsite" defined

The following definitions apply within the Medicaid program.

"Therapy services" means physical therapy (PT), occupational therapy (OT), and speech and language pathology (SP) services.

"Licensed hospital facility" means the physical entity surveyed and licensed by the Wisconsin Bureau of Quality Assurance under Chapter 50, Wis. Stats.

"Offsite" means away from the licensed hospital facility. Offsite includes services provided at sheltered workshops, nursing homes, and satellite offices.

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